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1. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF MSN 3210 IS PROVIDED FYI. ARTICLE 342 AND SUPPORT ACFT ALL OFF ON SCHEDULE AND MISSIONS COMPLETED AS BRIEFED. THERE WAS NO CLOUD COVER IN THE AREA OF INTEREST AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION AT THIS POINT THAT IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL SORTIE PROVIDING FULL COVERAGE ON ALL FLIGHT LINES. 25X1A

FLIGHT CHECKS.

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2. THE RENDEZVOUS FOR REFUELING WORKED OUT PERFECT IN SPITE OF 140K WINDS ACROSS THE REFUELING TRACK. TANKER ROLLED OUT LESS THAN 2NM BEHIND THE RECEIVER AND JOIN UP WAS VERY FAST. THE TANKER ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN UNLATCHING THE BOOM AND FOR A BRIEF PERIOD IT APPEARED THAT THE PROBLEM COULD BE SERIOUS. THE DIFFICULTY WAS OVERCOME BY A SHARP TANKER CREW AND THE REFUELING WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

3. ALL ACFT RETURNED ON SCHEDULE AND MISSION PILOT MADE A

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NICE SMOOTH LANDING AFTER DARK UPON COMPLETION OF 11 PLUS 45 SORTIE. PILOT APPEARED TO BE IN SURPRISINGLY GOOD SHAPE AND NOT EXCEPTIONALLY FATIGUED IN SPITE OF LONG TIME AIRBORNE.

4. KC-135 WILL REQUIRE SOME WORK ON THE BOOM ON 4 JAN BUT IS NOT EXPECTED TO PROVE TO BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM. WE WILL BE READY FOR ANOTHER ALERT ON 4 JAN FOR SORTIE EARLY A.M. OF 5 JAN.

END OF MESSAGE

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